

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Dowst *et al.* CONFIRMATION NO.: 3129
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Mail Stop Amendment
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

The following amendments and remarks are made in response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2004. Applicants submit that no extension-of-time, or related fee, is required for this Amendment and Response to be entered and considered. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fees or other fees necessary for entry and consideration of this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Amendment and Response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this Amendment and Response.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this Amendment and Response and include an annotated sheet showing the changes.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this Amendment and Response.